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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Falone et al.

Application No.: 10/067,594

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For: STING MINIMIZING GRIP FOR A
HAND HELD SWINGING ATHLETIC
CONTACT MAKING ARTICLE

Group: 3711

Examiner: Mark S. Graham

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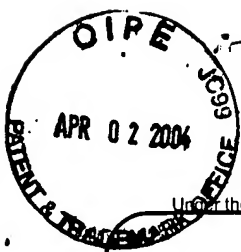


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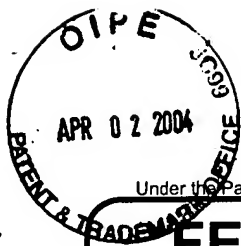
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